

PART III REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. This application has been examined. Claims 1-31 are being allowed over the prior art of record. Prosecution on the merits is closed in this application.

2. The prior art of record teaches different ways of selecting features in a device. However, the prior art of record (including EP0982653 and/or JP6110629) fails to teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other features in the claims), a system, method or computer readable medium having **an access code system that embeds at least one access code in a job stream, each embedded code authorizing access to a particular subset of a plurality of device features, but not to other device features of the device**, as recited by claim 1, or **"embedding at least one access code in a job stream, each embedded code authorizing access to a particular subset of a plurality of device features, but not to other device features of the device,"** as recited by claims 6 and 10.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee, and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. such submissions should be clearly labeled "comments on statement of Reasons for Allowance".

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gabriel I. Garcia whose telephone number is (571) 272-7434. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 7:30 AM-6:00

PM. The fax phone number for this group is (571) 273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on (571) 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

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